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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants : B. CHILDRESS et al.

Group Art Unit: 1761

Serial No.: 08/354,177

Examiner: Lien Tran

Filing Date: December 12, 1994

Docket No.: 41933-01

Title: PATCH BAG COMPRISING HOMOGENEOUS  
ETHYLENE/ALPHA-OLEFIN COPOLYMER

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please ~~cancel~~ claims 40 and 44, and amend claims 9, 19, 45-49 and 62 as follows:

Claim 9, line 1 ~~replace~~ "8" with -1--.

Claim 19, line 1 ~~replace~~ "15" with -16--.

Claim 45, line 1 ~~replace~~ "44" with --43--.

Claim 46, line 1 ~~replace~~ "44" with --43--.

Claim 47, line 1 after "wherein the" ~~replace~~ "patch" with --first heat-shrinkable--.

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